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SUBJECT: UDA ADMITS TERRORIST ATTACK IN REPUBLIC

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN IRISH (AND BRITISH) NEWSPAPERS MARCH 10, THE ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ATTACK ON FISHING BOATS IN THE REPUBLIC. IN THE ATTACK, INCENDIARY DEVICES WERE PLACED ON FOURTEEN FISHING BOATS ANCHORED IN THE SMALL HARBOR OF GREENCASTLE, COUNTY DOEGAL. PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT TWO BOATS WERE DESTROYED, THREE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, AND OTHERS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. UDA STATEMENT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK SAYS THAT THE FISHING BOATS HAD BEEN USED IN SMUGGLING IRA ARMS. UDA ALSO CLAIMS THAT A NUMBER OF WEAPONS WERE SEIZED FROM BOATS, BUT THESE HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWN TO REPORTERS, WHO ARE SKEPTICAL.

2. COMMENT: IT IS, OBVIOUSLY, DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN SOLID FACTUAL INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF SEMI-CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS. THE UDA HAS LONG BEEN SUSPECTED OF CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO A NUMBER OF TERRORIST-TYPE INCIDENTS, PROTECTIVE RACKETEERING, AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. AS A RULE, HOWEVER, SOLID EVIDENCE HAS BEEN

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DISGUISED. INTERESTING THING IN THIS CASE IS THAT UDA HAS

ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY. THE INCIDENT ITSELF IS NOT AS SERIOUS
AS MANY OTHERS, SINCE NO LIVES WERE TAKEN. OPEN ADMISSION OF
RESPONSIBILITY, HOWEVER, MAY HAVE RELEVANCE FOR VISA APPLICATIONS.
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